

CHAPTER 3

PHASES OF A DISASTER

3-1. Purpose. This chapter prescribes procedures and recommended actions pertaining to the disaster phases as they relate to RM support and specifically to the RMPRT. To ensure financial integrity, RM presence is essential to all phases and locations of a disaster mission.

3-2. Phases.

a. Disaster Preparedness. This phase is during peacetime.

(1) Participate in training courses and workshops as identified by CERM.

(2) Maintain current fly-away notebook containing at a minimum this pamphlet, ER 11-1-320, Financial Management (FM) Annex to the National Response Plan (NRP), The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Pre-scripted Mission Assignments for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, RMPRT team roster, MSC/District RM/EM point of contact directory, HQUSACE & MSC telephone directory for RM, and a calendar. These documents are accessible on RMPRT web site - <http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/cesi/RMPRT/prtmain.htm> .

(3) Maintain personal fly-away-kit, which should include personal supplies, medications (minimum 30-day supply), comfortable clothes, and five white emergency operations shirts (obtained from your home organization Emergency Manager). Additionally, be prepared to bring cash (ATMs may not be initially available at the disaster site), government travel credit card, CEFMS signature card and government identification card on a chain. See Appendix A-5.

b. Pre-Event Planning/Action. This phase is after the onset of the event or prior to a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

(1) Be aware through news outlets of impending events.

(2) Ensure PDS and medical screening information is current in ENGLINK.

(3) Be prepared for notification of alert and/or activation.

(4) Upon notification from your EOC of your nomination and selection (should have ENGLink tasker), deploy to designated supported MSC/District or other assigned location. There is a possibility of deploying during a pre-disaster.

(5) To obtain access to the supported MSC/District database, notify home station IM database/UPASS administrator of requirement prior to deployment. This access is required prior to obtaining Access Request Management System (ARMS) permissions. The remote access to the supported MSC/District database you are deploying to must be requested through your home MSC/District CEFMS database and approved by your supervisor.

c. Report to supported MSC/District EOC to provide RM assistance in support of the disaster. Unless otherwise identified, your TDY supervisor should be the RM. In specific instances, i.e., deployment to the RFO, the Division Forward Commander or his designee may be designated as the supervisor/reporting official.

d. Post-Event Planning/Action. This phase is after an event occurrence or after the Presidential Disaster Declaration.

(1) Continue to provide RM assistance in support of the disaster.

(2) Prepare to transition to new TDY site or home duty station as directed by Supported MSC/District or CERM. This may include briefing to the incoming RMPRT member or the MSC/District at the emergency office overseeing the event, i.e., JFO, RFO or MSC/District EOC. Provide input to the after-action report. Upon return home, notify supported district EOC of safe arrival.

e. Lessons Learned/Remedial Action.

(1) Team members who deployed during the preceding disaster season should meet to develop RM specific after-action items as requested by CERM.

(2) Selected team members may participate in joint FEMA/USACE and/or HQUSACE/MSC remedial action workshops as requested by CERM.